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Cordell Hull, Democratic National Committee Chairman, Reviews Year.

"HAS BROKEN PROMISES"

Declares Republicans Have Wholly Failed to Grasp World Conditions—Republican Leaders Are Stopped From Asking To Be Excused For Their Failure.

Washington, March 9.—The Republican majority in congress during its three years of control of the government since 1918, and the Republican administration during the past year "have wholly failed to make good their pre-election promises, and to grasp the true economic conditions and apply sound remedies therefor," Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic national committee declared tonight in a statement reviewing the first year of the Republican party's administration of national affairs.

"The patent failure of the chief Republican policies and the astonishing breakdown of the reactionary leadership after March 4, 1921, constitute the chief characteristics of the 12 months of the Harding administration," Cordell Hull declared. "The first year of this administration will always be notable for its failures rather than its successes."

"Having for temporary political advantages, helped to create conditions now so grievously complained of by the people, Republican leaders are stopped from asking to be excused for their failure to remedy them."

Chairman Hull asserted that having defeated in 1919 and 1920 the reconstruction program of the Democrats, the Republicans "are now proposing the same remedies," to restore the country from panic conditions which the program was designed to avoid.

Declaring that Republican leaders are just now engaged in "the uncracious task of trying to picture to the country's creditable record for the Harding administration thus far," the statement continued:

"Republican accomplishments must inevitably be weighed and their merits determined in the light of Republican pre-election promises, and also in connection with the usual opportunity for greater service, than in strictly normal times when the opportunity and the need for service are only ordinary. "The true test of Republican success or failure during the past twelve months is the question of whether the party leaders were able to visualize the physical facts showing the true position of America under post-war conditions and apply such sound economic and other policies as would best safeguard our economic and other essential interests and meet our plain responsibilities."

"The more pointing to inconsequential budgetary paper—saving . . . or to the taking of only a minor and a partial step in dealing with combined domestic and world peace and economical conditions by a restricted disarmament conference, when compared with the really great and fundamental problems to be solved dwindled into comparative insignificance."

"In the light of the true facts, I charge that the Republican leadership from 1918 to 1921 wholly failed to grasp world facts and conditions and America's true relation to them. Instead of so doing these leaders early in 1919 proclaimed the policy of 'every nation for itself' and of 'commercial isolation' for ourselves."

To Probe Governor's Charge.

Jackson, Miss., March 9.—Hearings will begin tomorrow morning by the special committee of the house of Mississippi legislature appointed recently to investigate charges made by Governor Lee M. Russell, in a special message to both branches, that fire insurance companies who withdrew from the state a year ago, when anti-trust proceedings were instituted against them had fostered the \$100,000 damage suit brought against him by Miss Frances Birkhead, his former stenographer, alleging seduction.

BABE RUTH SIGNS A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT

Gets a "Bank President's Salary." Both Ruth and Huston Made Concessions.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 9.—Babe Ruth has signed a New York American contract for five years according to Col. T. L. Houston, part owner of the Yankee team.

The agreement was reached when Colonel Huston received word from his partner, Col. Jake Rupert, to go ahead and close the transaction. When asked what the terms of the contract, Colonel Huston said:

"Well, it was a bank president's salary, but there are bank presidents and bank presidents. This one I have in mind wasn't the president of a country town bank."

It was learned that when Colonel Huston and Ruth were, trying to reach an agreement as to the salary to be paid to the "home run king" they were widely separated. Compromises were made by both, it was said, and they were still apart, and repeated arguments had failed.

"Then we'll match a penny to see whether I get it or whether I don't," Ruth is said to have proposed.

They matched and Ruth's penny won.

According to the terms of the contract, Ruth will wear a New York American uniform for the next five years. No information was obtainable tonight if the document included a behavior clause that would prevent Ruth from participating in games played after the close of the regular season.

LLOYD GEORGE WONT RESIGN BEFORE GENOA

Impression Is General That He Will, At Least, Head England Until Then.

London, March 9.—The impression is general that the political situation has been relieved of considerable strain in the past 24 hours, authoritative reports indicating that the prime minister has decided to continue in office.

Influenced by his unionist colleagues, particularly with reference to the international position as it would be affected by a change in the premiership at this time, Mr. Lloyd George is said to be at least ready to hold his resignation in abeyance. It is understood that assurances of the support of these leaders were made at a dinner given by Lord Birkenhead at which, in addition to the prime minister and the lord chancellor, there were present Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Arthur Balfour, Lord Curzon, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne and Sir Laming Worthington Evans.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lloyd George was confined to his room in his Downing street residence all day, suffering from bronchial catarrh; he received no visitors and is expected to leave Wednesday, on his doctor's orders, for a rest of a week or longer at his old home at Cricioeth, Wales.

The conservative members of parliament are meeting privately in the house of commons tonight to discuss the entire position, and it is reported that a meeting of the national executive committee of the unionist party, comprising representatives from all parts of the country, is to be called for March 14.

While definite guarantees of the support of the rank and file of the unionists were not given at the Birkenhead dinner, it is understood that assurances have been received in the past few days that this backing will be considerable. A unanimous agreement is said to have been reached at last night's gathering that instead of the coalition breaking up, steps should be taken to coalesce it into the talked of national party. Announcement of the policy decided upon is awaited in Sir Arthur Balfour's address to his constituents in London. He is credited with using his best endeavors to persuade the premier to continue at least until after the Genoa conference.

Trying to Locate Ray Besse.

Detroit, March 9.—Police of Detroit and Canadian border cities have redoubled their efforts to locate Ray Besse, who disappeared with his two young sons Friday following reports from attendees physicians that Mrs. Besse was in a serious condition from shock. Besse disappeared with the boys after telling his wife, it is said, that he intended to "do away with them to make her suffer."

AVENGING HUSBAND SAYS KILLED TAYLOR

Writes Letter From Connecticut City and Tells of the Murder.

NAME SIGNED WITHHELD

Says He and His Wife Drove Within Two Blocks of Taylor Bungalow and Both Confronted Taylor in His Home Just After Mabel Normand Left.

Los Angeles, March 9.—The latest "confession" of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, received by the police here in a letter mailed from an unnamed Connecticut city, was made by a man who described himself as "an avenging husband," it was disclosed today by Captain of Detectives Adams.

The officers are withholding the name of the city from which the "confession" came and the name signed to the document while endeavoring to learn more of the writer.

According to the letter, the film director had had an affair with the writer's wife. Later the director had "scorned" her, the wife confessed to her husband, and the two of them planned "vengeance," the letter recounted.

The "confession" stated that the night of the murder, February 1, the writer and his wife drove in an automobile to within two blocks of the Taylor bungalow. There they parked their car. From a distance they saw Mabel Normand, film actress, leaving the apartment, escorted to her motor car by the director; and Henry Peavy, Taylor's negro servant, talking with William Davis, Miss Normand's chauffeur.

While Taylor was talking with Miss Normand, the "confession" continues, "the scorned wife" slipped through the open front door of the director's bungalow and unlocked the back door for her husband to enter.

When Taylor returned, the wife and husband confronted him.

Portions of the letter concerning the actual meeting and the killing were not given out, but, according to the parts, the wife, after Taylor had been slain, left by the back door, which the husband locked after her and then hurried to their automobile and started the engine in readiness for a quick departure when he rejoined her.

Then the husband left calmly by the front door, stooping slightly so he would not be recognized if seen, joined his wife and drove away with her.

The police state that they place a certain amount of credence in the "confession."

Captain Adams declared the handwriting of the "confession" was similar to that of Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, but pointed out that the context precluded its having been written by Sands, who was not married.

YOUTH, 17, KILLS MAN WHO DISCHARGED HIM

New York, March 9.—While a half hundred terrified girl employees looked on, Max Ensel, 67, wealthy importer and garment manufacturer, was shot and mortally wounded by a discharged employe.

A few hours later, the alleged slayer, Isadore Karp, 17, of Brooklyn, was arrested as he loitered before the scene of the murder, Engel's factory in lower Fifth avenue. A strange impulse had drawn the youth back and held him there fascinated.

Patrolman Muller saw a youth smoking a cigarette as he loitered before the Fifth avenue building. He asked the youth what he wanted.

"Nothing, now," Karp is said to have replied, "but there was a killing here this afternoon."

He was arrested and the police say he later confessed.

Death in Mill Village.

Mrs. Edward Johns, aged about 40 years, died at her home in the Lancaster mill village Tuesday night after an illness of several days with pneumonia. The body was taken to Pageland, her old home, for burial.

The Cotton Market

Cotton on the Lancaster market today is 18 3/8 cents a pound

PREDICT ERA GREAT ACTIVITY IN MARCH

Hope and Confidence Indicated By Report of U. S. Employment Service.

TEXTILE SITUATION BAD

But Employment Increases And During February Idlers Were Mostly of Floating Type—in Georgia and South There Is Little Encouragement.

Washington, March 9.—A forecast of great industrial improvement for the month of March was made by the United States employment service in connection with its monthly report of employment conditions in the United States.

"Reports from 231 of the principal industrial centers, with but few exceptions, show a general improvement in employment conditions," Director Jones, of the service, announced, "and breathe an enthusiastic spirit of hope and confidence in the future. Weather permitting, March will begin an era of great activity."

Employment conditions showed practically no alteration during February, however, according to the bureau's studies, only one-half of one per cent more men being on reported pay rolls at the month's end than at its beginning. Only the textile and paper industries evidenced increased unemployment, and this was more than made up by additions to working forces in nearly all other lines.

Of 65 cities, from which statistics are gathered by the department, 44 showed small percentage increase in employment, while 21, including Manchester, New Hampshire, a textile center with a pay roll decrease of 66.3 per cent, reported fewer men on pay rolls. New York city reported an increase in employment of 1.9 per cent, while Chicago had a decrease of one-half of one per cent.

Lumber and lumber product mills in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida reported a net decrease in the month of 252 among their employes, while 85 fertilizer factories showed a gain of 634. Pay roll figures in the textile industry also showed a slight increase, but the prevailing sentiment was said to be "uncertain as to future conditions."

Employment reports from Virginia, the report said, "continued to show reductions throughout the state." Textile mills reported a small decrease in the number of employes as compared with the previous month, as did Virginia coal mines.

In Georgia the textile outlook was described as "unfavorable," and employment generally "shows little change over last month." Fertilizer plants, however, were declared to be entering the season of greatest activity and probably would increase their pay rolls for several months to come.

South Carolina's situation was apparently a duplicate of that obtained in her sister states; textiles and lumber plants showed small changes and 15 fertilizer factories reported addition of 566 workers to their pay rolls. Reports from individual towns indicated the surplus of labor was chiefly to be found in the "floating" type.

Florida recorded unemployment in skilled and unskilled labor connected with phosphate mines and "floating labor," but a spirit of optimism was declared to be evidenced throughout the state.

WOMEN STRIP AND JUMP IN LAKE AS PROTEST ON TAXES

Geneva, March 9.—The Antoniens, a new religious cult said to have some points of similarity with Mormonism, have come into conflict with the authorities over taxes.

One of the leaders, Madame Barni, and her three daughters, living at Heddigen, near Lucerne, tore their clothes to bits and jumped into a lake when police came to arrest them in an effort to collect taxes. The police, however, pulled the four women out of the water, wrapped them in blankets and took them off to jail.

The leaders who have established headquarters at Zurich profess belief in communism and disbelief in the accepted forms of marriage.

WAR REACTION BLAMED FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION

Approximately 20,000 People Committed Suicide in America In 1921.

New York, March 9.—Reaction following the war was blamed by the Save-a-Life league for the large number of suicides in 1921, 20,000 of which were estimated to have taken place in this country. The number of cases brought to the league's attention was 12,144, of which 8,419 were males and 3,734 females.

"This waste of life, the result of recent disturbed economic conditions and the aftermath of war," said a report by Harry M. Warren, president of the league "has caused commercial failures, losses of employment and much real suffering. The growing complexity of our modern life, the feverish unrest, crimes divorced, questionable dress, unhappy home relations, the decline of religious sentiment, and other things have caused deranged nerves, depression and less self-control. With improved business which is sure to come, the suicide rate will be reduced and prosperity and happiness will return."

One of the striking features of the report is the increase in the number of suicides of children which was 477 in 1919, 797 in 1920 and 858 in 1921. There also were 599 war veterans among the suicides last year.

All classes of society were included in the long list of those who took their own lives. There were 19 editors, 49 students, 51 school teachers, 21 clergymen, 39 brokers, 57 judges and lawyers, 86 physicians, seven mayors, 88 heads of large corporations, 76 millionaires, 20 wealthy women and 98 bankers, including 37 bank presidents. The oldest suicide was 100 years old and the youngest five years.

All sorts of reasons were given by the victims. One man hung himself because his wife was "too good" for him; another because his wife was spending all his money, another because he could not stand the noise of a neighbor's piano, and another because his wife refused to kiss him.

One spinster took poison, leaving a note that "no man in the world is good enough for me." And a mother took her life because her son would not marry to please her. One man left a note stating "be aware of grass widows" and another killed himself "for good of the I. W. W."

In New York city there were 840 suicides last year, an increase of 103 over 1920.

FOIL PLOT OF FRIENDS FOR KIDNAPING FRADY

Put Alleged Wife-Murderer in Jail To Prevent Gunmen From Aiding Escape.

Miami, Fla., March 9.—Acting on a "tip" he said he considered reliable, that Edgar C. Frady, Chicago automobile man, who shot and killed his wife here, was to be kidnaped from the hospital and taken to Cuba aboard a yacht waiting outside the harbor, Sheriff Allen this afternoon had Frady removed to the county jail and a special guard thrown about the building.

The sheriff received information, he said, that Chicago gunmen had been imported and that the plan only awaited nightfall to be put into operation. Frady's guards were to be overpowered, he was told, the sheriff declared, and Frady was to be rushed to a speed boat lying in the Miami river. This boat was to transfer the accused slayer to another larger boat at sea, which was to whisk Frady beyond the jurisdiction of the United States.

Friends of Frady, the sheriff's informant asserted, were behind the move. No names, however, were made known and no charges thus far have been preferred by the sheriff in connection with the alleged plot.

Immediately upon receiving the information, the sheriff had Frady removed to the jail. Two men armed with automatic shot guns are standing guard over Frady in the jail tonight and an armed guard untroubled the grounds.

The sheriff declared that when he went to remove Frady the latter begged to be permitted to spend one more night in the hospital. The grand jury which will investigate the alleged murder convened this morning.

DISASTROUS STORM LOWER PART STATE

Seven Deaths From Tornado In Warrenville Mill Village—Early Tuesday Morning.

MANY NARROWLY ESCAPE

Twenty-five Houses Demolished and Clothing, Furniture and Wreckage Were Scattered Over the Ground And In Tree Tops—Small House Blown 100 Yards.

Augusta, Ga., March 9.—Five deaths appeared to be the total of fatalities in the tornado which ravaged mill villages near here in Georgia and South Carolina.

The storm centered, according to reports received here, at Warrenville, South Carolina, where, in addition to the five persons killed, a number were injured. The nearby Carolina towns of Langley and Graniteville reported no casualties, but accounts of extensive damage from all three places brought out numerous instances of hair-breadth escapes.

In Warrenville, where 25 houses in the southeastern section of the village were demolished, the homeless uninjured immediately set about the work of rescue, guided through the blinding rain in the darkness by cries for help. Many said they had been awakened by the rumbling of the storm and the trembling of their houses just in time to escape.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Beard was demolished except for the roof, but they and their five children were not injured. The youngest of the Beard children, an infant a few months old, was trapped under the roof which was left intact like a huge chicken coop, and laughed gleefully when taken from a comfortable pillow by a rescuer.

Clothing, furniture and wreckage generally were scattered over the ground and in tree tops by the wind, which, with whimsical generosity, left a large mirror without a crack under the debris of a house and moved a small corrugated iron fire house 100 yards without disturbing the leaves of a huge oak tree which sheltered it. The small hand-reel in the center of the building also remained undisturbed.

Mill Authorities And Red

Cross Help 200 Sufferers. August 9, Ga., March 9.—While the undertakers at Graniteville were completing arrangements for the funerals of the five victims of the thunder squall in the Horse Creek valley, mill authorities and the Red Cross at Warrenville and Steffeltown were doing all possible to make comfortable the homeless and injured. Nearly 200 people would have been without shelter had they not been given assistance.

Seven of the injured are still in the hospital at Aiken and all are expected to recover with the exception of Harry Munday, who was still in a critical condition this morning. The other injured being given treatment at Aiken are: Mrs. Jessie Hardy, Rufus Boyd, Owen Wood, Joe Green, Mrs. Henry Wood, and Frank Clark.

Frederick Snow, a member of the winter colony at Aiken, who is a wealthy New York resident, started a relief fund late yesterday with a contribution of \$100. John G. Chaffee, of Langley, started another fund with \$10.

A number of houses were already being built at Warrenville and are almost ready for occupancy. These will probably be pushed to completion and will house the homeless.

MINISTER, 71, WEDS MISS, 40.

WITH HIS SON OFFICIATING. Jersey City, March 9.—Rev. Gottlieb Andrae, 71-year-old pastor of St. John's Evangelical Reformed church, and his family tonight participated in a wedding.

The minister himself was the bridegroom. Others took roles as follows:

Officiating minister: Rev. Marcus Andrae, his second son.

Best man: Dr. Paul Andrae, his eldest son.

Flower girl: Hope Andrae, his granddaughter.

Miss Tosca Grimm, 45, was the bride.

The Rev. Gottlieb Andrae is the oldest minister in active service in Jersey City.